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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the First and Second VOLUME, with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

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Moſt Prudent Gentlemen,

Q. IN *the Articles of the Apoſtles Creed we find* That Chriſt ſhall come from the Right-hand of God to Judge both the Quick and the Dead; *Now all as I am deſirous for to know, is this, who may be underſtood for thoſe that are called Quick and Dead, ſince it is ſaid that Judgment ſhall be at the End of the World, ſo that by conſequence there can be no Man Living.*

A. St. *Paul* aſſures us (1 *Theſ.* 4. 17.) that there ſhall be a Generation of Men living at the time when Chriſt ſhall come to Judgment; for he ſays, *we which are alive and remain ſhall be caught up together with them in the Clouds to meet the Lord in the Air.* From which and ſome other Texts of Scripture wherein *Chriſt*'s judging the Quick and the Dead is expreſly mentioned, it is plain that the literal Senſe of this Article is the true and proper Senſe of it; which is, that *Chriſt* ſhall come to Judge both thoſe that ſhall be alive at his Appearing, and all thoſe that died before it. His coming therefore at the End of the End of the World is no Objection againſt this. For we are not thereby to underſtand the individual Point of Time in which the World is to be diſſolved, but the laſt Age of the World, like as we underſtand the Beginning of the World to mean commonly the whole firſt Age of it.

Q. Gentlemen, *We Read in the* 1 *Chap. of St.* Luke *the* 59 *and* 60 *Ver. theſe Words*, viz.

And it came to paſs that on the Eight Day they came to Circumciſe the Child, and they called him *Zacharias* after the Name of his Father, and his Mother anſwered, and ſaid, not ſo, but he ſhall be called *John*. *I deſire to know how ſhe came to know that the Child ſhould be named* John, *the Father having been ſtruck Dumb, and remained ſo from the time that the Angel appeared to him, till the Child was Circumciſ'd, your ſpeedy Anſwer will oblige,*

Your Subſcriber, L. P.

A. This may be eaſily ſolved by ſuppoſing, either that *Elizabeth* being a Holy Woman had been before that directed by the H. Ghoſt what Name to give her Child as well as her Husband had been; or at leaſt that *Zacharias* (notwithſtanding his being Dumb) had ſignified this to her by Writing.

Q. Admired Apollo, *I have lately been in Company, where I heard a Diſpute, in which I could not be ſatisfied; wherefore I come to you for Aſſiſtance (knowing you to be the Author of all Wiſdom) in theſe two following Queſtions.*

Imprimis. *If this preſent Emperor of* Germany *ſhould Dye without Male Iſſue, who would be the neareſt to ſucceed him in his Empire.*

2. *If a Proteſtant Elector cannot Inherit the Imperial Crown as well as a Roman Catholick. And you will Oblige Your Subſcriber*, M. K.

A. The *Auſtrian* Line is at this Time reduced to two Males, *viz.* The preſent Emperor and his Brother *Charles* 3d of *Spain*, and if both theſe ſhou'd Die without Male Iſſue, the *Germans* may reaſonably expect great Convulſions in their Empire, ſince amongſt the other numerous and remote Branches of that Family which has ſpread its ſelf over all *Europe*, it will ſcarce be poſſible to agree upon the right Heir. And conſidering that the Empire is Elective in its ſelf, it will not now be ſo

much debated who is the next in Blood, as who has the beſt Intereſt amongſt the Electors. The *Germans* have a long time dreaded the failing of the *Auſtrian* Line, as being like to produce a dangerous Competition for their Empire; and they have now a greater Reaſon to fear it than ever. As for Religion that makes no Bar to Succeſſion. For by the Treaty of *Oſnaburg* in the Year 1648, it was agreed that if any Prince of the Empire ſhou'd think fit to change his Religion, it ſhou'd be no prejudice to him, provided he ſhou'd not force his Subjects to be of his Religion. This Liberty of Religion was ſettled by way of Compact among Equals, and the Emperor himſelf was one of the Parties.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray favour me with your Opinion, what is the Compoſition of Minerals*, viz. *Iron, Copper, Tin, Lead*, &c.

Your Admirer and Subſcriber, A. B.

A. By Minerals we ſuppoſe the Queriſt only means Metals. For Minerals is a very general Word and comprehends not only all ſorts of Metals but alſo all Earths, Stones, Salts, and Sulphureous mixt Bodies, to give an account of all which at once would be too large a Task for this Paper: But for Metals Chymiſts define them to be hard Bodies, Ductile and Malleable, proceeding from a Saline Mercurial Juice, Coagulated in the Earth by Virtue of the Heat of its own Sulphur. Of true and proper Metals there are three Claſſes, the firſt of which comprehends the two perfect Metals Gold and Silver. Gold the perfecteſt and pureſt of all Metals conſiſts of an exact Mixture and Union of the pureſt and moſt perfectly digeſted Mercury, and the moſt excellent and fixed red Sulphur. Silver the next to Gold in Perfection conſiſts of Mercury and Sulphur almoſt fixed. The ſecond Claſs comprehends the two imperfect hard Metals Braſs and Iron. Braſs (or Copper, which is only a nobler Species of Braſs, called in *Latin Cuprum* from ſome rich Veins of this ſort of Metal found in the Iſland *Cyprus*) is compounded of much red impure Sulphur and a little yellow Mercury, neither of which are mature and fixed. Iron is Compounded of a little fixed Mercury and much Sulphur mixed with many Earthy crude Parts. Under the third Claſs are Tin and Lead. Tin is an imperfect, ſoft, white Metal conſiſting of plenty of unfixed Mercury and white, impure Sulphur. Lead the vileſt and moſt abject of all Metals conſiſts of an indigeſted Sulphur, an aluminous Salt more than Vitriolick and a Mercury coming near the Nature of Antimony.

Q. Gentlemen, *I have long Courted a Lady who is every way ſuitable to me, both as to Birth, Age and Eſtate. I have uſed all the moſt Powerful Arguments I cou'd raiſe from the little Reaſon I am Maſter of; told her, that ſince our Parents have always maintain'd a ſtrickt Friendſhip, their Eſtates being near each other, and by which they are highly ſatisfied of the clearneſs of them, and both incouraging ſuch an Intermarriage, and wiſhing heartily neither might otherwiſe engage, we were the more likely to expect a Bleſſing, and abundance of concomitating Circumſtances, promis'd continual ſatisfactions, that if either of us ſhou'd otherwiſe diſpoſe of our Affections, we ſhou'd not only highly gain their Diſpleaſures, but which might alſo bring infinite Inconveniences to us. That the equality of our Birth, Fortune and Eſtates, promis'd alſo many ſatisfactions, which both of us might rarely meet with in others, and ſhew the many Diſappointements of the Comforts of Life then might happen, if not ſo equally match'd. I gave her alſo a rational proof of my Affection, by declining an opportunity offer'd me to Court another, an Heireſs of a great Eſtate; and of which ſhe is very ſenſible and that it was only for her ſake; yet tho' I am ſenſible ſhe is ſatisfy'd, I have not the leaſt regard by way of particular Affection for any but her ſelf, nor ſcarce give my Eyes the Liberty to look on any other, ſhe pretends, ſhe cannot be convinc'd I have that Affection for her I pretend, nor ſeems the leaſt inclin'd to incourage my Suit; nay, ſhe will not be perſwaded that it is in my Nature to be a Lover. Now the favour I intreat*, Gentlemen, *is to inform me what Methods I ſhall perſwade her I Love her, and how I may ſteer my Courſe ſo as to gain hers, and you will eternally oblige Yours*, STREPHON.

A. We muſt be ſo free with *STREPHON*, as to tell him, he has took the direct contrary Method, both for perſwading the Lady to believe him a Lover and to obtain her Affection in return of his. You ſay you have took all the Methods your Senſe and Reaſon cou'd inſtruct you with; whereas to prove your ſelf a Lover, at the very firſt Attempts you muſt divert your ſelf of all Senſe and Reaſon, nay I had almoſt ſaid of your Chriſtianity, for you muſt talk like a Pagan, of Shrines, Altars, Sacrifices, &c. You muſt loſe all your five Senſes, nay fifty if you had them. You muſt not taſt a Kiſs like other Mortals, for you muſt taſt Nectar and Ambroſia in it, nor muſt ſhe appear a Mortal in your Eyes, but ſome Divine Incomprehenſible Being. And tho' a Cow may have as ſweet a Breath, you muſt ſmell all the Perfumes of *Arabia* in hers. If ſhe Sings, it muſt not ſound like the Voice of a Human Creature in your Ears, but like the Muſick of the Spheers. If you touch her, you muſt feel the Down of *Venus*'s Doves. Nay you muſt forget to call things by their right Names; her Eyes muſt be Stars; her Teeth Pearl; her Lips Cherries; her Cheeks Roſes, and ſometimes Strawberries and Cream may ſerve; her Forehead Ivory; her Neck Alablaſter; and at times you may turn her into Minerals, Vegetables, Influences, or any thing elſe which may perſuade her you are quite out of your Senſes. Nor are you alwas tyed up to Panegyrics but ſometimes you may Satyrize her, and call her cruel Tyger, hard Heart of Rocks, &c. You muſt reſt your ſelf of all Manhood, Whine, Sigh, Blubber, nay and forget to wipe your Noſe. Then you muſt practiſe Humility in the moſt abject degree, kiſs the Ground ſhe goes on, nay count it an Honor to kiſs the ſhadow of the Flea which ſits on the tip of the Tail of her Ladyſhips little Dog; and then when you have rais'd her to Divinity and debaſed your ſelf beneath Humanity, you muſt perſuade her what a vaſt Condeſcention it will be (as well you may) and how meritorious a Humility to have Compaſſion on you.

POEMS.

Q. FOR *once*, Sage Bards, *Indulge a begging Muſe,*
I vow I wont this Trade of Begging uſe;
But why ſhou'd I coax up your Godſhip thus?
You Live by it: Forgive that daring Thruſt
At your Divinity.— ——
I've Thought again, I've Thought, but ne'er cou'd (rouſe
A lucky Thought, this Secret to diſcloſe.

The

The Critick Minute how, and in what way,
My Soul poſſeſs'd this Tenement of Clay?
I know it has been toſs'd about the Schools,
And ranſacked bare by thoſe miſterious Fools;
Yet ſtill it does remain and e'er will be,
I fear an unreſolved Miſtery;
If not found out by your Sagacity,
Now for the Power of Divinity!

Don Antonio Ignoramus.

A. In our firſt Volume you'll much plainer find,
This Doubt reſolv'd, which ſo confounds your Mind,
Than this your Valiant *Thruſt* ſo Brandiſh'd here,
You can with all your Rhet'ric make appear.

Q. Apollo, *who with wondrous Wit,*
For ev'ry Q an A can fit,
Say, what means this, if it ben't too Idle,
The Man hath Bit upon the Bridle?

A. This, three ways hath been underſtood,
And each way equally all good.
When all the Joints grow weak and Limber,
Wanting ſupport of Belly Timber;
A Man thus ſtinted and kept ſhort,
Is ſaid to *Bite on the Bridle* for't.
Becauſe an Horſe with Bridle Hamper'd,
Is in an ill way to be pamper'd.
But *Fræna Mordere* in *Latin*,
Does bring another meaning Pat in:
That it an Head-ſtrong Rebel ſhows,
Whoſe Fury no Subjection knows,
But like thoſe fiery Steeds which get
Between their Teeths the yielding Bit,
Away they with their Riders ſcow'r,
Not being longer in their Pow'r;
Tho' *Statius* the Reverſe to this,
Does take it, and not much amiſs;
That of good Subjects it is meant,
Who're Loyal to the Government;
And willingly the Bit accept,
Tho' thereby in Subjection kept:
By which they're Guided in their Courſes,
By Kings, as others Guide their Horſes.

Q. *Suppoſe I aſcend*
An Horſe, to no End,
But juſt in a Frolick to Ride, Sir,
And away he ſhou'd ſcow'r,
'Till out of my pow'r
To ſtop him, altho' I ſhou'd Chide, Sir.

Can any Man ſay
That I run away,
With the Horſe, when he run off with me, Sir,
Pray what wou'd our Laws
Say on ſuch a Cauſe,
And what wou'd my Puniſhment be, Sir?

A. They nothing wou'd ſay,
For your Riding away,
Not ſo much as to have you be Bang'd, Sir,
Yet tho' you might clear
Of that Charge appear,
For your FROLICK, you'd chance to be Hang'd, Sir.

Q. *At the Tail of* Apollo,
Does frequently follow,
An Account about one William Jones, *Sir,*
Who, tho' Born without Light,
Was RESTOR'D to his Sight,
And no longer his Blindneſs bemoans, Sir.

When this Story I read,
I clapt Nails to my Head,
And ponder'd the Matter profoundly,
And was ready to fly out,
And rudely to cry out,
In ſhort we have here a good round Lye.

Yet e'er I did ſo,
I thought fitting to go
To the Shrine moſt renown'd of your Dad, Sir,
Begging Means you'd afford,
To ſhew how that's RESTOR'D,
Which 'till late's Friend will never had, Sir.

A. As many do fly,
With good Reaſon why,
To this Artiſt, to open their Eyes, Sir,
Whoſe wondrous Succeſs,
They've reaſon to Bleſs,
And his nice Operation to prize, Sir.

So we find by your Scope
You deſire us to ope
The Eyes of your Underſtanding;
How he was RESTOR'D,
(For you play on that Word)
To what he ne'er had from firſt Landing.

Now if you ſuppoſe,
That Error aroſe
From the *Preſs* (as oft haps) to which End, Sir,
For RESTOR'D, in your Thought
Read only, he BROUGHT,
And the Matter you'll ſoon comprehend, Sir.

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SIR,

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Which is all from Yours, *&c.*

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